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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

To provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Pell Grants who are adversely affected by a natural disaster.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Pell Grant Hurricane  
3 and Disaster Relief Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. WAIVERS OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT REPAYMENT**  
5 **BY STUDENTS AFFECTED BY DISASTERS.**

6       Section 484B(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of  
7 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091b(b)(2)) is amended by adding at  
8 the end the following new subparagraph:

9               “(D) WAIVERS OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT  
10       REPAYMENT BY STUDENTS AFFECTED BY DIS-  
11       ASTERS.—The Secretary may waive the  
12       amounts that students are required to return  
13       under this section with respect to Federal Pell  
14       Grants if the withdrawals on which the returns  
15       are based are withdrawals by students—

16               “(i) who were residing in, employed  
17       in, or attending an institution of higher  
18       education that is located in an area in  
19       which the President has declared that a  
20       major disaster exists, in accordance with  
21       section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-  
22       aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
23       (42 U.S.C. 5170);

24               “(ii) whose attendance was inter-  
25       rupted because of the impact of the dis-  
26       aster on the student or the institution; and

1                   “(iii) whose withdrawal ended within  
2                   the academic year during which the des-  
3                   ignation occurred or during the next suc-  
4                   ceeding academic year.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 7,  
2005.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk.*